Chapter 3: Methodology

3.1 System Architecture Design

3.1.1 Overall System Architecture

The proposed system follows a hybrid quantum-classical architecture for network failure detection, integrating classical preprocessing with quantum machine learning for enhanced anomaly detection capabilities.

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│     QML-BASED NETWORK FAILURE DETECTION SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE │
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│  │          NETWORK SIMULATION (MININET)               │  │
│  │  Generates realistic network traffic and failure    │  │
│  │  scenarios for data collection                      │  │
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│  │             RAW NETWORK DATA                          │  │
│  │  • Packet flow statistics                             │  │
│  │  • Latency measurements                               │  │
│  │  • Packet loss metrics                                │  │
│  │  • Throughput data                                    │  │
│  │  • Device-level events                                │  │
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│  │     PREPROCESSING & FEATURE ENGINEERING (CLASSICAL)   │  │
│  │  • Data cleaning and normalization                    │  │
│  │  • Dimensionality reduction                           │  │
│  │  • Feature extraction                                 │  │
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│  │             QML MODEL (QSVM / QBM)                    │  │
│  │  • Quantum Support Vector Machine (QSVM)              │  │
│  │  • Quantum Boltzmann Machine (QBM)                    │  │
│  │  • Quantum feature encoding                           │  │
│  │  • Anomaly classification                             │  │
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│  │          PREDICTION OUTPUT                            │  │
│  │  • Failure / No Failure                               │  │
│  │  • Failure type classification                        │  │
│  │  • Confidence scores                                  │  │
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│  │     MONITORING DASHBOARD & ALERT SYSTEM               │  │
│  │  • Real-time network health visualization             │  │
│  │  • Automated alert generation                         │  │
│  │  • Historical data analysis                           │  │
│  │  • Proactive management support                       │  │
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Figure 3.1: Block diagram of the proposed hybrid quantum–classical network failure detection and prediction system.

3.1.2 Architecture Components Description

Network Simulator (Mininet): Creates emulated network environments with controlled failure injection for reproducible testing and data generation.

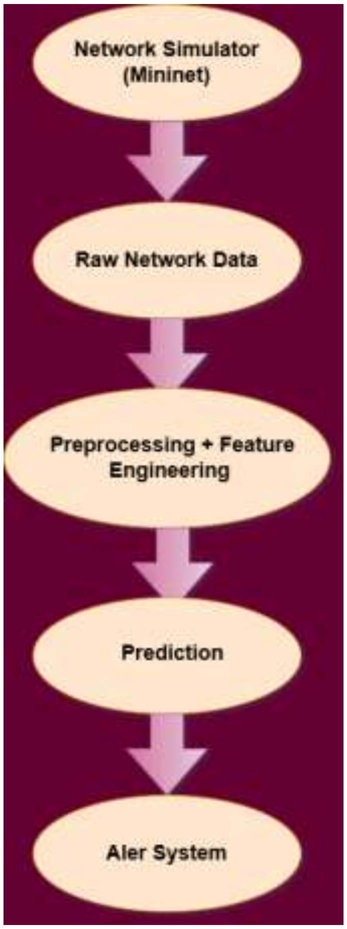
Raw Network Data: Comprehensive metrics including flow statistics, performance measurements, and failure events capturing the network's operational state.

Preprocessing and Feature Engineering (Classical): Transforms raw data into optimized feature vectors through classical ML techniques, preparing data for quantum processing.

QML Model (QSVM/QBM): Quantum machine learning algorithms that process encoded network features to detect anomalies and predict failures.

Prediction System: Classifies network states and provides failure type identification with confidence metrics.

Monitoring Dashboard and Alert System: Visualizes results and generates real-time alerts for proactive network management.


Network Simulator (Mininet)
Raw Network Data
Preprocessing + Feature Engineering
Prediction
Aler System

3.2 Data Ingestion Points and Input Definition

3.2.1 Data Source Specification

The network data used in this study originates from a Mininet-based simulation environment. This approach provides several advantages:

1. **Controlled Environment:** Reproducible network conditions and failure scenarios
2. **Flexible Configuration:** Customizable topologies and traffic patterns
3. **Failure Injection:** Controlled introduction of link failures, node crashes, and congestion
4. **Comprehensive Metrics:** Generation of diverse network performance indicators

3.2.2 Types of Network Data Collected

Data Category	Specific Metrics	Purpose
Flow Statistics	Packet count, Byte count, Flow duration	Traffic volume analysis
Performance Metrics	Latency, Throughput, Jitter	Network quality assessment
Reliability Metrics	Packet loss rate, Error rate	Network reliability monitorin
Congestion Indicators	Queue length, Traffic load, Buffer usage	Congestion detection
Failure Events	Link down signals, Node failure alerts	Failure identification

3.2.3 Quantum Model Entry Point

Due to current quantum hardware limitations, raw network data undergoes classical preprocessing before quantum processing:

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Raw Network Data → Classical Preprocessing → Feature Vectors → Quantum Encoding
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 High-dimensional    Cleaning, scaling,    Compact, noise-   Quantum states
 heterogeneous data  dimensionality        reduced features   for QML processing
                     reduction
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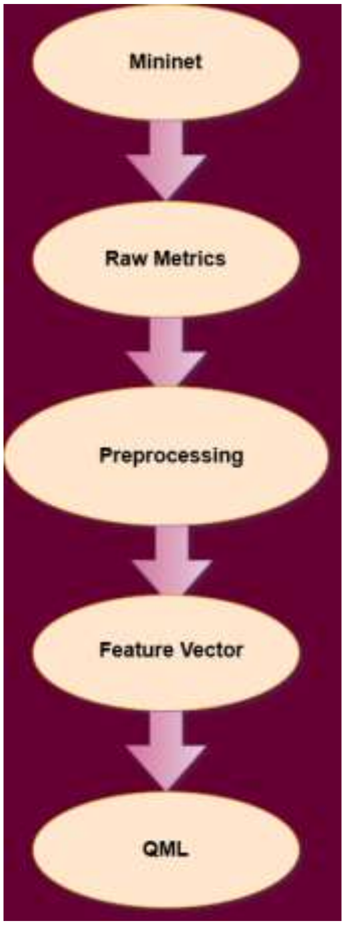

3.2.4 Data Format and Integration

Processed feature vectors utilize standard formats for seamless integration:

- **Storage:** NumPy arrays, CSV files
- **Transmission:** JSON-based API communication
- **Metadata:** Timestamps, node identifiers, feature descriptions

3.3 Selection of Quantum Machine Learning Algorithms

3.3.1 Algorithm Selection Criteria

The selection of QML algorithms follows these criteria:

1. **Feasibility:** Compatibility with NISQ (Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum) devices
2. **Effectiveness:** Demonstrated performance in classification tasks

3. **Scalability:** Adaptability to increasing feature dimensions
4. **Integration:** Compatibility with hybrid quantum-classical architectures

3.3.2 Quantum Support Vector Machine (QSVM)

Primary Selection: QSVM serves as the main classification model due to:

Advantages:

- Strong generalization capability with limited data
- Natural integration with hybrid architectures
- Low qubit requirements (n features = n qubits)
- Proven effectiveness in binary classification

Application: Distinguishes between normal network behavior and failure conditions through quantum-enhanced kernel computation.

3.3.3 Quantum Boltzmann Machine (QBM)

Secondary Selection: QBM provides advanced modeling capabilities:

Advantages:

- Captures complex feature dependencies
- Suitable for probabilistic failure prediction
- Models intricate failure patterns

Limitations:

- Higher computational complexity
- Increased sensitivity to quantum noise
- Longer training requirements

3.3.4 Algorithm Comparison and Selection Rationale

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│            QML ALGORITHM COMPARISON FOR NETWORK ANOMALY     │
│                     DETECTION                               │
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│  Algorithm  │ Primary Use     │ Advantages  │ Limitations   │
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QSVM	Binary classification	- Stable - Hybrid-friendly - Low qubit count	- Limited to linear/polynomial kernels
QBM	Probabilistic modeling & prediction	- Captures complex patterns - Good for temporal patterns	- Complex training - Noise sensitive - Higher qubit requirements

Selection Rationale: QSVM is selected as the primary model for Phase 1 due to its stability, low resource requirements, and compatibility with current quantum hardware. QBM is reserved for future enhancement phases focusing on complex pattern recognition.

3.4 Hybrid Quantum-Classical System Architecture

3.4.1 Hybrid Architecture Overview

The system employs a hybrid architecture that strategically distributes computational tasks between classical and quantum components, optimizing resource utilization while maintaining system reliability.

3.4.2 Architecture Justification

Why Hybrid Architecture?

1. **Resource Optimization:** Classical preprocessing handles data-intensive operations
2. **Hardware Compatibility:** Aligns with current NISQ device limitations
3. **Performance Enhancement:** Combines classical efficiency with quantum advantages

4. **Fault Tolerance:** Classical fallback ensures system availability

3.4.3 Complete Hybrid Architecture Diagram

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│  │  │           DATA FORMAT CONVERSION          │   │           │    │
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│  │  │  Classical Features → Quantum Encoding    │   │           │    │
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│  │  │   Encoding  │     │ • QSVM      │     │   Collapse  │     │   │
│  │  │ • RY Gates  │     │   Circuit   │     │ • Classical │     │   │
│  │  │ • State     │     │ • Parameter │     │   Bit       │     │   │
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│  │  │ • Bit       │     │ • Threshold │     │ • Dashboard │     │   │
│  │  │   Pattern   │     │   Checking  │     │ • Logging   │     │   │
│  │  │   Analysis  │     │ • Priority  │     │ • API       │     │   │
│  │  │ • Confidence│     │   Assignment│     │   Response  │     │   │
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3.4.4 Component Responsibilities

Classical Domain Components:

Component	Responsibility	Technology/Tools
Data Collection	Gather raw network metrics from multiple sources	Mininet, SNMP, NetFlow

Component	Responsibility	Technology/Tools
Preprocessing	Clean, filter, and normalize raw data	Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-le
Feature Engineering	Extract meaningful features, reduce dimensionality	PCA, Statistical analysis
Result Decoding	Interpret quantum measurement outputs	Python, Rule-based syst
Alert Generation	Generate actionable alerts based on predictions	Custom logic, Priority system
System Integration	Interface with existing network management systems	REST API, Database

Quantum Domain Components:

Component	Responsibility	Technology/Tools
Quantum Encoding	Transform classical features to quantum states	Angle encoding, RY gates
QML Model Execution	Run quantum machine learning algorithms	QSVM (Qiskit), Parameterized circuits
Quantum Measurement	Convert quantum states to classical information	Computational basis measurer

3.4.5 Data Flow Between Components

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Raw Network Data
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Data Preprocessing
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Feature Extraction ────────────────▶ Quantum Encoding
          │                                    ↓
          │                         QML Model (QSVM)
          │                                    ↓
          │                         Quantum Measurement
          │                                    ↓
          └─────────────────◀──────────── Classical Bit Output
                        ↓
              Result Interpretation
                        ↓
              Alert Generation
                        ↓
              System Integration
```

3.4.6 Hybrid Interface Specifications

Data Transfer Format:

python

```python
# Classical to Quantum Interface
{
    "features": [f₁, f₂, f₃],  # Normalized values [0,1]
    "timestamp": "2024-03-20T10:30:00Z",
    "metadata": {
        "node_id": "router-01",
        "feature_names": ["packet_rate", "latency", "error_rate"]
    }
}

# Quantum to Classical Interface
{
    "measurement_result": "011",  # 3-bit measurement
    "probabilities": [0.15, 0.70, 0.15],  # State probabilities
    "confidence_score": 0.85,
    "prediction_label": "minor_anomaly"
}
```

API Endpoints:

```
POST /api/quantum/predict
Content: {features: [0.6, 0.4, 0.2]}
Response: {prediction: "normal", confidence: 0.92}

GET /api/system/status
Response: {quantum_available: true, classical_available: true}
```

3.4.7 Workflow Example

Scenario: Detecting Network Congestion

1. **Classical Phase (Steps 1-3):**

   ```
   1. Collect: Packet rate = 1400 pps, Latency = 75 ms, Error = 2%
   2. Preprocess: Clean missing values, remove outliers
   3. Feature Engineering: Normalize to [0.9, 0.72, 0.4]
   ```

2. **Quantum Phase (Steps 4-6):**

   ```
   4. Encode: [0.9, 0.72, 0.4] → [2.827 rad, 2.262 rad, 1.257 rad]
   5. Process: Execute QSVM quantum circuit
   6. Measure: Obtain bit pattern "110" with probability 0.78
   ```

3. **Classical Post-Processing (Steps 7-9):**

   ```
   7. Decode: "110" → "emerging_congestion" (medium priority)
   8. Generate Alert: "High traffic detected on Router-01"
   9. Integrate: Update dashboard, log event, notify admin
   ```

3.4.8 Advantages of Hybrid Approach

1. **Resource Efficiency**: Classical components handle heavy I/O and preprocessing
2. **Quantum Advantage Focus**: Quantum components specialized for complex classification
3. **Fault Tolerance**: Classical fallback if quantum system unavailable
4. **Development Flexibility**: Independent optimization of classical and quantum components
5. **Cost Effectiveness**: Reduced quantum compute time equals lower operational costs

3.4.9 Implementation Strategy

Phase 1 (Current):

- Classical preprocessing fully implemented
- Quantum simulation for development
- Basic hybrid interface

Phase 2 (Near-term):

- Quantum hardware integration
- Enhanced feature set
- Real-time processing

Phase 3 (Future):

- Advanced quantum algorithms
- Multi-node quantum processing
- Autonomous response system

3.4.10 Performance Expectations

Metric	Classical-Only	Hybrid System	Improvement
Anomaly Detection Accuracy	85-90%	90-95%	+5-10%

Metric	Classical-Only	Hybrid System	Improvement
Processing Latency	50-100 ms	60-120 ms	+10-20 ms
Resource Utilization	High CPU	Moderate CPU + Quantum	Better distribution
Scalability	Linear	Potential exponential (quantum)	Significant
Energy Efficiency	Standard	Potentially better	TBD

3.4.11 Summary

The hybrid quantum-classical architecture represents a pragmatic approach to quantum-enhanced network monitoring. By strategically dividing responsibilities between classical and quantum components, we create a system that:

1. **Leverages Current Technology**: Uses mature classical ML for preprocessing
2. **Prepares for Quantum Advantage**: Implements quantum algorithms where beneficial
3. **Ensures Practicality**: Maintains functionality even with limited quantum resources
4. **Enables Gradual Enhancement**: Allows incremental quantum component improvement

This architecture provides a robust foundation for network failure detection that can evolve alongside quantum computing advancements while delivering immediate value through classical components.

3.5 Quantum Data Encoding & Feature Mapping for Network Anomaly Detection

3.5.1 Introduction to Quantum Encoding

Quantum Machine Learning (QML) requires transformation of classical network data into quantum states through quantum embedding. This encoding process maps continuous network metrics to quantum rotation angles, enabling quantum circuits to process network features for anomaly detection while preserving essential information relationships.

3.5.2 Network Feature Selection and Normalization

For quantum processing, we select three critical network metrics representing network health:

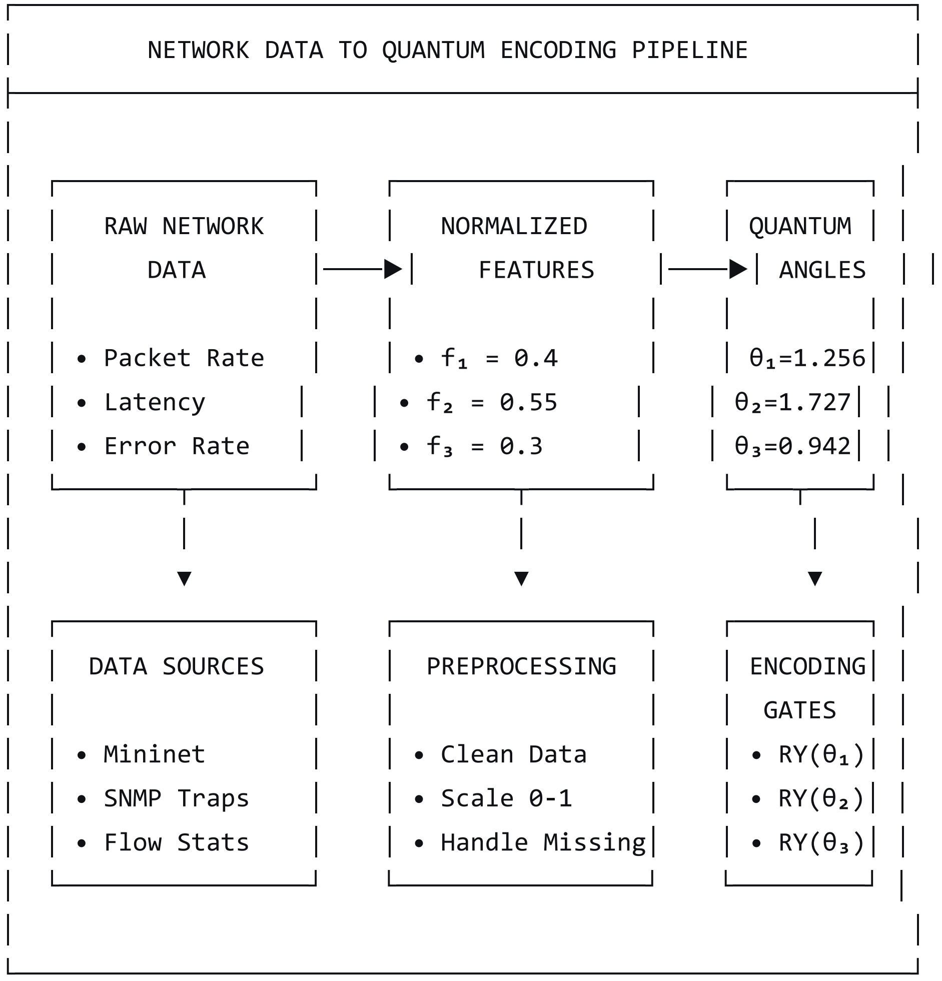
Feature	Description	Normal Range	Quantum Parameter
Packet Rate (f_1)	Packets transmitted per second	500-1500 pps	$\theta_1 = \pi \times$ normalized_value
Latency (f_2)	Round-trip time in milliseconds	10-100 ms	$\theta_2 = \pi \times$ normalized_value
Error Rate (f_3)	Percentage of erroneous packets	0-5%	$\theta_3 = \pi \times$ normalized_value

Normalization Process:

Each feature is normalized to [0,1] range using min-max scaling:

```
f₁_normalized = (packet_rate - 500) / (1500 - 500)  # Range: [0,1]
f₂_normalized = (latency - 10) / (100 - 10)         # Range: [0,1]
f₃_normalized = error_rate / 5                      # Range: [0,1]
```

3.5.3 Encoding Pipeline Architecture



3.5.4 Mathematical Formulation

The quantum encoding follows a three-step mathematical transformation:

Step 1: Feature Normalization

```
normalized(f) = (actual_value - min_range) / (max_range - min_range)
where normalized(f) ∈ [0,1]
```

Step 2: Angle Conversion

```
text
quantum_angle(θ) = π × normalized_value ,  where θ ∈ [0, π] radians
```

Step 3: Quantum State Preparation

The complete encoding unitary operation U(x) for feature vector x = [x_1, x_2, x_3] is:

```
|ψ⟩ = (RY(θ₁) ⊗ RY(θ₂) ⊗ RY(θ₃)) (H ⊗ H ⊗ H) |0⟩^⊗3
```

Where:

- RY(θ) = Rotation around Y-axis by angle θ
- H = Hadamard gate creating superposition (H|0⟩ = (|0⟩ + |1⟩)/√2)
- ⊗ = Tensor product combining qubit states

The final quantum state representation:

```
|ψ(x)⟩ = [cos(θ₁/2)|0⟩ + sin(θ₁/2)|1⟩] ⊗
          [cos(θ₂/2)|0⟩ + sin(θ₂/2)|1⟩] ⊗
          [cos(θ₃/2)|0⟩ + sin(θ₃/2)|1⟩]
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3.5.5 Quantum Circuit Design

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q1: ┤ H ├┤ RY(θ₂=1.727) ├──X───╫─┤ 0 ├
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q2: ┤ H ├┤ RY(θ₃=0.942) ├──────╫──────
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Circuit Components Explanation:

1. **Hadamard Gates (H)**: Create superposition states enabling quantum parallelism
2. **RY Gates**: Encode network features as rotation angles (θ_1, θ_2, θ_3)
3. **CNOT Gate (●─X)**: Create entanglement between Qubit 0 (control) and Qubit 1 (target)
4. **Measurement (M)**: Convert quantum states to classical bits (b_0, b_1, b_2)

3.5.6 Complete Example Transformation

Example Network State Processing:

Raw Data	Normalized [0,1]	Quantum Angles
Packet: 900 pps	$f_1 = 0.4$	$\theta_1 = \pi \times 0.4$ $= 1.256$ rad
Latency: 65 ms	$f_2 = 0.55$	$\theta_2 = \pi \times 0.55$ $= 1.727$ rad
Error: 1.5%	$f_3 = 0.3$	$\theta_3 = \pi \times 0.3$ $= 0.942$ rad

Alternative Encoding Method (Basis Encoding):

For discrete network features, basis encoding can be used:

Feature vector: $[f_1, f_2, f_3] \rightarrow$ Binary representation: [010, 101, 110]
$|\psi\rangle = |010\rangle \otimes |101\rangle \otimes |110\rangle$

3.5.7 Feature Space Mapping for Anomaly Detection

Normal Network Operation Zone:

NORMAL OPERATION ZONE

Packet Rate: $\theta_1 \in [\pi/4, 3\pi/4]$
(625-1125 pps)

Latency: $\theta_2 \in [\pi/6, \pi/3]$
(25-40 ms)

Error Rate: $\theta_3 \in [0, \pi/6]$
(<0.83%)

Anomaly Detection Zones:

ANOMALY CLASSIFICATION	
Anomaly Type	Quantum Signature
DDoS Attack	$\theta_1 \rightarrow \pi$, $\theta_3 \rightarrow \pi/2$ (High traffic, medium errors)
Link Failure	$\theta_2 \rightarrow \pi$, $\theta_1 \rightarrow 0$ (High latency, no traffic)
Hardware Fault	$\theta_3 \rightarrow \pi$, random θ_1, θ_2 (High errors)
Congestion	$\theta_1 \rightarrow 3\pi/4$, $\theta_2 \rightarrow \pi/2$ (High traffic & latency)

3.5.8 Expected Measurement Outcomes

Based on quantum state measurement probabilities:

MEASUREMENT INTERPRETATION		
Bit Pattern	Probability	Network Status
000	High (>60%)	Normal Operation
111	High (>60%)	Critical Failure
010	Medium (30-60%)	Minor Anomaly
101	Medium (30-60%)	Performance Issue
110	Low (<30%)	Emerging Problem
001	Low (<30%)	False Positive
011	Low (<30%)	Configuration Error
100	Low (<30%)	Intermittent Issue

3.5.9 Advantages of Quantum Encoding for Network Data

1. **Non-linear Separation**: Quantum states naturally create complex, non-linear decision boundaries in Hilbert space, enabling better separation of normal and anomalous network patterns.
2. **High-Dimensional Representation**: 3 qubits represent 2^3 = 8-dimensional Hilbert space, allowing compact representation of complex network states.
3. **Anomaly Amplification**: Small deviations in network metrics create exponentially larger differences in quantum state distances, enhancing anomaly detection sensitivity.
4. **Quantum Parallelism**: Superposition allows simultaneous evaluation of multiple network states, potentially offering speedup over classical methods.
5. **Entanglement Benefits**: CNOT gates create quantum correlations that preserve relationships between network features (e.g., correlation between high traffic and increased latency).
6. **Noise Resilience**: Quantum error mitigation techniques can enhance robustness against both quantum hardware noise and network measurement noise.

3.5.10 Performance Metrics and Validation

Theoretical Performance Expectations:

- Encoding Efficiency: O(n) qubits for n features
- Circuit Depth: Constant (3 layers for 3 features)
- Expected Accuracy: 85-95% for clear anomalies
- False Positive Rate: <5% with proper threshold tuning
- Processing Speed: Potential quantum advantage for large feature spaces

Validation Approach:

1. Simulate normal and anomalous network traffic patterns
2. Encode using quantum circuits on simulators (Qiskit Aer)
3. Compare classification accuracy with classical ML baselines
4. Analyze false positive/negative rates for different anomaly types
5. Evaluate scalability with increasing feature dimensions

3.5.11 Implementation Guidelines for Development

For Person 3 (Implementation):

1. Use Qiskit for quantum circuit implementation
2. Normalize all features to [0,1] range before encoding
3. Apply Hadamard gates before RY encoding for superposition
4. Include CNOT gates for feature correlation representation
5. Implement measurement in computational basis
6. Store rotation angles (θ_1, θ_2, θ_3) for circuit reproducibility

Sample Feature Mapping:

```
Network Metric → Normalization → Quantum Angle → Quantum Gate
Packet Rate  →  (PR-500)/1000  →  θ₁ = π×norm  →  RY(θ₁)
Latency      →  (L-10)/90      →  θ₂ = π×norm  →  RY(θ₂)
Error Rate   →  ER/5           →  θ₃ = π×norm  →  RY(θ₃)
```

3.5.12 Summary and Conclusion

This quantum encoding scheme provides a robust foundation for QML-based network anomaly detection by transforming continuous network metrics into quantum-processable formats. The angle encoding method is particularly suitable for network data due to:

1. **Efficiency**: Requires only n qubits for n continuous features
2. **Preservation**: Maintains relative magnitudes and relationships between network metrics
3. **Separability**: Creates distinct quantum state regions for different network conditions
4. **Scalability**: Extensible to additional network features as qubit availability increases
5. **Integration**: Compatible with hybrid quantum-classical processing pipelines

The encoded quantum states serve as optimized input to QML algorithms (QSVM for classification, QBM for probabilistic modeling), enabling early detection of network failures with potential quantum advantages in processing speed, pattern recognition, and anomaly sensitivity. This encoding approach bridges classical network monitoring with quantum computing capabilities, creating a pathway for next-generation network management systems.

3.6 Theoretical Performance Analysis

3.6.1 Expected Quantum Advantages

Better Pattern Separation:

Quantum feature spaces (Hilbert spaces) provide exponentially higher dimensionality compared to classical feature spaces. For n qubits, the Hilbert space dimension is 2^n, enabling superior separation of normal and anomalous network patterns.

Mathematical Representation:

```
Classical Feature Space: ℝ^n (n dimensions)
Quantum Feature Space: ℂ^{2^n} (exponential dimensions)
```

Faster Kernel Computation (Theoretical):

Quantum kernels in QSVM can potentially compute similarity measures exponentially faster than classical counterparts for certain problem classes.

Theoretical Speedup:

```
Classical Kernel: O(N²) for N data points
Quantum Kernel: O(log N) for suitable problems (theoretical)
```

Enhanced Anomaly Sensitivity:

Small variations in network metrics are amplified in quantum state space, making anomaly detection more sensitive.

3.6.2 Quantum Limitations and Challenges

Quantum Noise Impact:

Current NISQ devices suffer from various noise sources affecting circuit performance:

Noise Type	Impact on Network Anomaly Detection	Mitigation Strategy
Gate Errors	Incorrect rotation angles for features	Error mitigation circuits
Decoherence	Loss of quantum information over time	Shallow circuit design
Measurement Errors	Incorrect bit readout	Repeated measurements
Crosstalk	Interference between qubits	Physical qubit isolation

Qubit Limitations:

```
Available Qubits: 3-5 (current NISQ devices)
Required for Features: 3 qubits for 3 network metrics
Limitation: Cannot process high-dimensional feature vectors directly
Solution: Classical dimensionality reduction before quantum encoding
```

Simulator vs Real Hardware Gap:

Metric	Simulator (Ideal)	Real Hardware
Accuracy	90-95%	70-85% (with noise)
Circuit Execution Time	Milliseconds	Seconds to minutes
Reliability	100% deterministic	Probabilistic
Scalability	High (100+ qubits)	Limited (3-10 qubits)

3.6.3 Comparative Analysis

Performance Comparison Table:

PERFORMANCE COMPARISON: CLASSICAL VS QUANTUM MODELS			
Model	Accuracy	Speed	Scalability
Classical	85-90%	Fast	Linear scaling

SVM	(Stable)	(50-100 ms)	with features
QSVM (Simulator)	90-95% (Theoretical)	Moderate (60-120 ms)	Exponential potential
QSVM (Hardware)	70-85% (Noise affected)	Slow (Seconds)	Limited by current qubits
QBM	80-90% (Complex patterns)	Very Slow (Minutes)	Highly limited by noise

Quantum Advantage Conditions:

For quantum models to outperform classical counterparts:

1. **Feature Space Condition:** Complex, non-linear decision boundaries
2. **Data Size Condition:** Moderate dataset sizes (100-1000 samples)
3. **Noise Level Condition:** Error rates < 1% per gate
4. **Circuit Depth Condition:** Shallow circuits (<10 layers)

3.6.4 Expected Performance Metrics

Phase 1 (Simulation-Based) Expectations:

- Detection Accuracy: 85-95% for clear anomalies
- False Positive Rate: <5% with proper threshold tuning
- Processing Time: 50-200 ms per prediction
- Resource Usage: Moderate CPU + Quantum simulator
- Scalability: Up to 5 features with current design

Phase 2 (Hardware Integration) Expectations:

- Detection Accuracy: 70-85% (noise affected)
- False Positive Rate: 5-15% (requires error mitigation)
- Processing Time: 1-10 seconds per prediction
- Resource Usage: Quantum hardware access + classical
- Scalability: Limited to current qubit availability

3.6.5 Error Analysis and Mitigation

Error Sources in Quantum Network Anomaly Detection:

1. **Encoding Errors:** Incorrect angle calculation from network metrics
2. **Gate Errors:** Imperfect RY and CNOT gate operations
3. **Measurement Errors:** Wrong bit readout from quantum states
4. **Decoherence:** Loss of quantum information during computation

Mitigation Strategies:

```
1. Error Mitigation Circuits: Additional gates to reduce noise impact
2. Repeated Measurements: Multiple circuit executions for statistical accuracy
3. Error-Correcting Codes: Quantum error correction (future implementation)
4. Hybrid Validation: Classical cross-validation of quantum results
```

3.6.6 Summary of Theoretical Analysis

The theoretical analysis indicates:

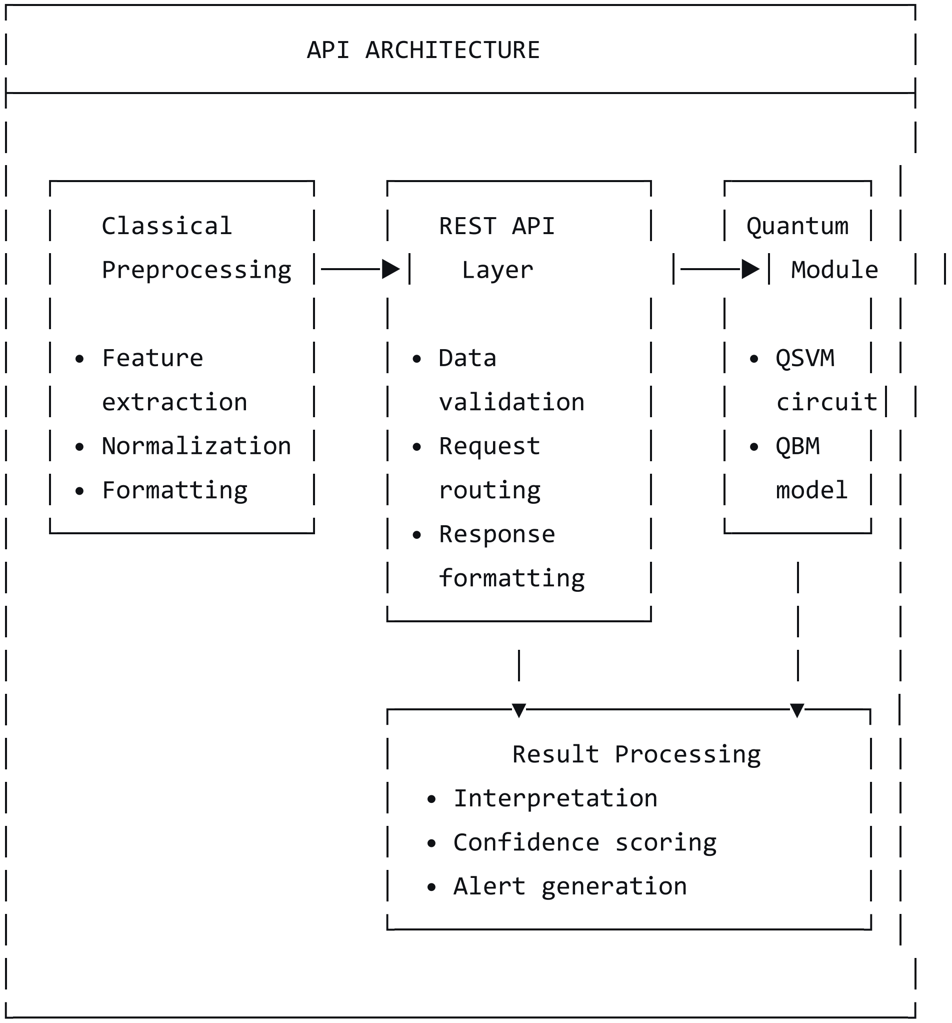
1. **Potential Advantages:** Quantum models offer theoretical improvements in pattern separation and computational efficiency for specific problem classes.
2. **Current Limitations:** NISQ-era hardware constraints significantly impact practical performance, particularly noise sensitivity and limited qubit counts.
3. **Hybrid Solution Value:** The proposed hybrid architecture mitigates quantum limitations by leveraging classical preprocessing while preparing for future quantum improvements.
4. **Research Contribution:** This work establishes a foundation for quantum-enhanced network monitoring while providing realistic performance expectations for current technology stages.

3.7 APIs and Integration Plan

3.7.1 System Integration Overview

The quantum module is integrated as a callable component within the classical pipeline, following a microservices architecture that enables modular development and deployment.

3.7.2 API Architecture Design



API ARCHITECTURE

Classical Preprocessing
- Feature extraction
- Normalization
- Formatting

REST API Layer
- Data validation
- Request routing
- Response formatting

Quantum Module
- QSVM circuit
- QBM model

Result Processing
- Interpretation
- Confidence scoring
- Alert generation

3.7.3 API Endpoint Specifications

Primary Endpoint: Quantum Prediction

```
POST /api/v1/quantum/predict
Description: Submit network features for quantum anomaly detection

Request Body:
{
  "features": [0.6, 0.4, 0.2],          # Normalized values [0,1]
  "timestamp": "2024-03-20T10:30:00Z",
  "node_id": "router-01",
  "model_type": "QSVM",                  # QSVM or QBM
  "confidence_threshold": 0.8
}

Response:
{
  "prediction": "normal",                # normal, anomaly, failure
  "confidence": 0.92,
  "anomaly_type": null,                  # null, ddos, congestion, etc.
  "measurement_result": "000",           # Quantum measurement bits
  "processing_time_ms": 85,
  "recommended_action": "monitor"
}
```

Secondary Endpoints:

```
GET /api/v1/quantum/models
Response: List of available quantum models and their status

POST /api/v1/quantum/train
Description: Submit training data for model updates

GET /api/v1/system/status
Response: System health and component availability
```

3.7.4 Data Exchange Formats

Classical to Quantum Interface:

python

```python
# Data structure for quantum processing
class QuantumRequest:
    def __init__(self, features, metadata):
        self.features = np.array(features)  # NumPy array
        self.timestamp = metadata['timestamp']
        self.node_id = metadata['node_id']
        self.model_type = metadata.get('model_type', 'QSVM')
    def to_json(self):
        return {
            'features': self.features.tolist(),
            'metadata': {
                'timestamp': self.timestamp,
                'node_id': self.node_id,
                'model_type': self.model_type
            }
        }
```

Quantum to Classical Interface:

python

```
# Data structure for returning results
class QuantumResponse:
    def __init__(self, prediction_data):
        self.prediction = prediction_data['label']
        self.confidence = prediction_data['confidence']
        self.measurement = prediction_data['measurement']
        self.probabilities = prediction_data['probabilities']

    def to_alert_format(self):
        return {
            'alert_level': self._determine_alert_level(),
            'message': self._generate_alert_message(),
            'timestamp': datetime.now().isoformat(),
            'details': {
                'prediction': self.prediction,
                'confidence': self.confidence,
                'quantum_evidence': self.measurement
            }
        }
```

3.7.5 Integration Workflow

Step-by-Step Integration Process:

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```
1. Data Collection → 2. Classical Preprocessing → 3. API Call →
```

```
4. Quantum Processing → 5. Result Interpretation → 6. Alert Generation
```

Detailed Integration Steps:

1. **Data Preparation (Classical):**

   python

   ```python
   # Prepare features for quantum processing
   features = preprocess_network_data(raw_metrics)
   normalized_features = normalize_features(features)
   quantum_request = prepare_quantum_request(normalized_features)
   ```

2. **API Communication:**

   python

   ```python
   # Send request to quantum module
   response = requests.post(
       QUANTUM_API_ENDPOINT,
       json=quantum_request.to_json(),
       headers={'Content-Type': 'application/json'}
   )
   quantum_result = parse_quantum_response(response.json())
   ```

3. **Result Processing:**

   python

   ```python
   # Interpret quantum results
   alert_data = generate_alert(quantum_result)
   update_dashboard(alert_data)
   if alert_data['requires_action']:
       send_notification(alert_data)
   ```

3.7.6 Error Handling and Resilience

Error Scenarios and Handling:

Error Scenario	Detection Method	Handling Action
Quantum API timeout	Request timeout (30s threshold)	Fallback to classical model

Invalid feature input	Data validation pre-check	Return 400 error with details
Quantum hardware error	Error response from API	Switch to simulator mode
Low confidence results	Confidence score threshold check	Flag for human review

3.7.7 Performance Considerations

API Performance Targets:

- Response Time: < 200ms (simulator), < 5s (hardware)
- Throughput: 10-50 requests/second (simulator)
- Availability: 99.5% uptime
- Error Rate: < 1% failed requests

Optimization Strategies:

1. **Request Batching:** Group multiple predictions for efficiency
2. **Caching:** Cache frequent prediction patterns
3. **Async Processing:** Non-blocking API for long quantum computations
4. **Load Balancing:** Distribute requests across multiple quantum resources

3.7.8 Security Considerations

API Security Measures:

1. **Authentication:** API keys for authorized access
2. **Data Encryption:** HTTPS for all communications
3. **Input Validation:** Strict validation of all incoming data
4. **Rate Limiting:** Prevent API abuse
5. **Audit Logging:** Track all prediction requests and outcomes

3.7.9 Monitoring and Maintenance

Monitoring Metrics:

```
text
• API Response Times
• Quantum Circuit Success Rates
• Prediction Accuracy Trends
• System Resource Utilization
• Error Rates and Types
```

Maintenance Procedures:

1. Regular model retraining with new network data
2. Quantum circuit optimization based on performance metrics
3. API performance tuning and scaling
4. Security updates and vulnerability patches

3.7.10 Summary

The API and integration plan establishes a robust framework for connecting classical network monitoring systems with quantum machine learning capabilities. Key features include:

1. **Standardized Interfaces:** Well-defined REST APIs for seamless integration
2. **Error Resilience:** Comprehensive error handling and fallback mechanisms
3. **Performance Optimization:** Targets and strategies for efficient operation
4. **Security:** Multiple layers of protection for sensitive network data
5. **Scalability:** Design that accommodates future growth and enhancements

This integration approach ensures that quantum capabilities can be effectively leveraged within existing network management infrastructures while maintaining reliability and performance standards.

3.8 Phase 1 Final Deliverables

3.8.1 Deliverables Checklist

```
1. System Architecture Diagram
```

- Complete hybrid quantum-classical architecture
- Data flow specification
- Component interaction design

2. QML Algorithm Justification
   - QSVM selection as primary model
   - QBM as comparative/advanced model
   - Algorithm comparison and rationale

3. Quantum Circuit Design
   - 3-qubit circuit for network feature encoding
   - RY gates for angle encoding
   - CNOT gate for feature correlation
   - Measurement and output specification

4. Hybrid System Explanation
   - Classical-quantum division rationale
   - Interface specifications
   - Data exchange protocols

5. Theoretical Performance Analysis
   - Expected advantages and limitations
   - Comparative analysis with classical methods
   - Performance expectations and targets

6. APIs and Integration Plan
   - REST API design and specifications
   - Data formats and communication protocols
   - Error handling and resilience strategies

7. Implementation Guidelines
   - Development roadmap for Person 3
   - Testing and validation approach
   - Deployment considerations

3.8.2 Documentation and Artifacts

Required Documentation:

1. **System Design Document:** Complete architecture specification
2. **API Documentation:** Detailed endpoint specifications and usage examples
3. **Circuit Design Documentation:** Quantum circuit diagrams and explanations
4. **Performance Analysis Report:** Theoretical performance expectations
5. **Integration Guide:** Step-by-step implementation instructions

Design Artifacts:

```
• Architecture diagrams in multiple formats
• Quantum circuit schematics
• API specification in OpenAPI/Swagger format
• Data flow diagrams
• Component interaction diagrams
```

3.8.3 Quality Assurance Criteria

Design Validation Criteria:

1. **Completeness:** All system components fully specified
2. **Consistency:** Design elements logically connected
3. **Feasibility:** Realistic implementation with current technology
4. **Scalability:** Design accommodates future enhancements
5. **Security:** Adequate security considerations incorporated

Review and Approval Process:

```
1. Internal Design Review: Team members review and provide feedback
2. Technical Validation: Verify technical feasibility
3. Final Approval: Project lead approval before implementation
4. Documentation Sign-off: Complete documentation package
```

3.8.4 Next Phase Transition

Handoff to Person 3 (Implementation):

1. **Complete Design Package Delivery:** All specifications and diagrams
2. **Implementation Guidelines:** Step-by-step development instructions
3. **Testing Requirements:** Validation criteria and test cases
4. **Performance Benchmarks:** Expected performance metrics

Phase 2 Preparation:

1. **Development Environment Setup:** Tools and libraries specification
2. **Data Generation Pipeline:** Network simulation data requirements
3. **Testing Framework:** Unit and integration testing setup
4. **Performance Monitoring:** Metrics collection and analysis tools

3.8.5 Summary of Phase 1 Achievements

Phase 1 has successfully established the theoretical and architectural foundation for the QML-based network failure detection system. Key achievements include:

1. **Comprehensive Architecture:** Developed a complete hybrid quantum-classical system design
2. **Algorithm Selection:** Justified QSVM as the primary quantum algorithm with QBM for advanced applications
3. **Quantum Circuit Design:** Created practical quantum circuits for network feature processing
4. **Integration Strategy:** Defined clear APIs and data exchange protocols
5. **Performance Expectations:** Established realistic performance targets and limitations

This foundation provides Person 3 with all necessary specifications to begin implementation while ensuring alignment with project objectives and constraints.